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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT

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: Revision of Agency's Personal

History Statement

REFERENCES

: A - Associate General Counsel Memorandum, dtd 1 Nov 1968 (Civil Service

Letter No. 736)

B - Deputy Director for Support Memorandum, dtd 5 New 1968 (Agency's Personal History Statement)

- 1. This memorandum is for information only.
- 2. Reference is made to your request of 5 November 1968 for the Office of Security to consider the advisability of effecting changes in the Personal History Statement of the Agency in connection with paragraph (2) and (3) of the OGC memorandum as reflected in Reference A.

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4. During the interim use of the current PHS, Office of Security investigators, as in the past, will be circumspect and discreet in their inquiries to avoid asking any questions or performing any action which might be construed as an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

Howard J. Osborn Director of Security

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Att 1: Memo dtd 1 Nov 68 for

DDS from A/GC, Subj:

Civil Service Letter

Att 2: Memo dtd 5 Nov 68 frm

DDS for D/Personnel

and D/Security

cc: General Counsel (w/o atts)

Director of Personnel (w/o atts)

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT:

Civil Service Letter -- "Full Field

Investigations on Competitive Service Employees and Applicants for Critical-

Sensitive Positions"

- 1. This is in response to your request for our comments on several points developed at the meeting in your office on 25 October concerning the subject Civil Service letter. The meeting agreed the letter did not apply to CIA since by its terms it establishes standards relating to appointments to critical-sensitive positions "in the competitive service." It was also the consensus that the Agency would comply with the letter nevertheless, to the greatest extent possible. In this regard, the Jerry Kluttz column of 28 October quotes Chairman Macy as expressing "the hope that the same tight standards would be adopted by security and other agencies with non-competitive positions."
- 2. You requested our views as to whether Section XXII of the Agency's Personal History Statement need be changed in order to conform to subsection (1) of the Civil Service letter (page 4). Section XXII of the PHS requires the applicant to list clubs, societies, professional societies, employee groups or any other organizations to which he belongs or has ever belonged. Subsection (1) of the letter prohibits investigators from inquiring about, among other things, union membership and fraternal affiliations. Section XXVI of the PHS also provides: "You are informed that the accuracy of any statement made in this application will be investigated." Subsection (1) of the letter does authorize investigators to inquire into union membership and fraternal affiliations "when such information constitutes a bona fide qualification or fitness requirement for specified employment, is required to establish identity, or directly relates to security fitness or subversive activities."



- 3. Unless the Agency takes the position that every item of information furnished by the applicant on the PHS does fall within the exception of subsection (1) quoted above, it would follow that the two documents are in conflict. The conflict could be removed by a modification of the statement in Section XXVI in any one of several ways:
 - a. The phrase "will be investigated" could be replaced by "may be investigated."
 - b. The sentence could be restated: "You are informed that the accuracy of a large majority of all statements made in this application will be investigated and the accuracy of all statements may be investigated"; or "You are informed that the accuracy of any statement made in this application that involves information which constitutes a bona fide qualification or fitness requirement for specific employment, is required to establish identity, or directly relates to security fitness or subversive activities, will be investigated."
- You also have requested a statement of rationale as to the need for the Agency to comply with Attachment 1 of the letter. The Agency is not required to comply, because the attachment has no binding force of its own. Rather, it prescribes the exceptions for use of the polygraph which subsection (7) of the letter (page 5) otherwise prohibits. Since the letter is not applicable to us, the attachment is not either. Nor would our desire to comply with the letter require us to make the submissions to the Civil Service Commission which Attachment 1 prescribes. The submission to the Commission of a statement of our mission for its determination as to whether the Agency has an intelligence or counterintelligence mission directly affecting the national security obviously is unneces-It is our understanding that in the conversations which led to the issuance of Attachment 1 it was understood that the attachment would not apply to CIA and that the use of the polygraph is an area in which CIA practices necessarily must differ from those prescribed for non-security agencies of Government.

Associate	General	Counsel	
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel **Director of Security**

I askedof the Office of General	25X1
Counsel for certain legal opinions concerning the provisions of the	
Civil Service Commission letter which he has furnished in the attached	
memorandum dated 1 November 1968.	
I ask that addressees consider paragraphs (2) and (3) of memorandum as to whether or not changes should be made in our Personal History Statement to indicate compliance	
in letter and spirit with the CSC directive.	
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